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OHIO ENERGY TASK FORCE PRESENTS A SEMINAR FOR BUSINESSMEN AND INDUSTRIALISTS

DAYTON, Ohio, December 6, 1973 --- A coordinated frame of reference against which to judge the current energy crisis will be offered Dec. 11 and 12 when the Ohio Energy Task Force presents a seminar for businessmen and industrialists at the Scot's Inn in Columbus.

Technical coordinators of the seminar are Dr. Joseph E. Davison, UD Professor of mechanical engineering, and Nicholas A. Engler, Senior Research Physicist, University of Dayton Research Institute. Seminar administrator is Joseph Militello, Contracts and Grants Administrator.

In the face of the energy problem, "industrialists are asking how to go about developing plans. Certainly expansion has to be planned on the basis of available resources," said Dr. Davison. "We will have representatives of coal, oil and natural gas available to answer those questions."

The energy crisis is real, according to Davison. A graph in his office summarizes the problem. A vector showing fuel consumption exhibits a gradual upward slope through the 50s, a steep incline through the 60s when the US first began to import oil and turns back on itself when present use is projected through to 1980. The effective increase in units of barrels of oil is six to 18 million barrels per day.

Over 300 persons from seven states and as far away as Florida will hear the opening speaker, Jack H. Bridges, Director of National Energy Programs, Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies. He will speak on "The National Energy Dilemma."

Bridges, until recently a technical director on a joint congressional committee, will present a detailed briefing on the energy supply and demand until the year 2000. He has conducted the briefing to over half the representatives of the U.S. Congress and for many governmental officials and leaders in the private sector.

Altogether there will be 25 speakers exploring various aspects of the energy crisis. Five separate sessions bear the following titles:

- An Overview of the Energy Problem.
- Fossil Fuel Supply and Demand.
- Energy Utilization.
- Research and Development.
- The Environment.

The seminar is being organized by the Ohio Energy Task Force, a special organization called into action by Lieut. Gov. John W. Brown in May of this year. Purpose of the task force is:

- To study the present supply, demand and problems in the energy field in Ohio.
- To recommend new policies for state action.
- To propose legislation need for better implementation of the state policy on energy to the Legislature of the State of Ohio.

Members of the task force include representatives from gas and electric utilities, petroleum industry, academic community, environmentalists, industrial users, organizational labor and the state government.

The task force presented an interim report to Lieut. Gov. Brown October 18 which presented a detailed study of the fuels and energy consumption in the State of Ohio by the market categories of electric utilities, residential and commercial, industrial and transportation.

A preliminary list of 14 recommendations was submitted to increase the supply and reduce the demand for energy in the near term and to lessen the impact of the energy crisis.

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